

I am very concerned about media consolidation and the importance of the public airwaves to be open for fair and equitable broadcasting, and all other types of broadcasting should be subject to public oversight with the necessary protections for a democratic society to properly function.

Sinclair Broadcasting is force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a pervasive move against the basic American value to FREELY debate issues.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please carefully consider Sinclair's license when it comes up for renewal.

Thank you.